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TO : Acting Assistant Director for Operations

DATE: 29 March 1951

FROM : Chief, Foreign Documents Division

SUBJECT: Establishment of a Western European Branch in Foreign Documents Division

REF : Memorandum to AD/O from AD/RR dated 21 March 1951, same subject

1. Herewith is application to Projects Review Committee for increase in FDD T/O to allow a Western European Branch.
 2. This is proposed on the basis of minimum necessary to exploit the anticipated publications of the area. There are about 200 newspapers and 3,000 periodicals of potential value. This number should be materially reduced by refining the operation to the exploitation of only the best of these.
 3. FDD would like to implement the project as well feel that a great amount of valuable information for intelligence purposes is being lost without a Western European coverage.

Encl: As indicated

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TO : Chairman, Projects Review Committee DATE:
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1. Necessity for the Project

When Foreign Documents Division was originally formed, no requirements were presented for the exploitation of the foreign language publications from Western Europe. No facilities were therefore established for this service and the publications of that area are not being monitored for intelligence purposes. The reorganization of the Office of Research and Reports and the development of world affairs throwing emphasis on the importance of the economic concentration of Western Europe indicates that there now is a definite need for this service. (See memorandum from Assistant Director for Research and Reports attached as Appendix A.)

2. Additional Personnel Requirements

[redacted] additional positions will be necessary on the FDD Table of Organization in order to form a Western European Branch. The Branch proper will need [redacted] additional positions are necessary in the Reports Branch and one in the Documents Survey Section for their support. For details of the organization see Appendix B.

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3. Time of Implementation

Qualified linguists in Western European languages who have good professional backgrounds are not difficult to recruit. It is estimated that approximately half of the necessary force could be recruited by the end of this fiscal year and the remainder within four months thereafter if the project is approved at once. Since the proposed service will meet a continuing need for the production of intelligence information, it is proposed that a Western European Branch be included in the FDD Table of Organization on a continuing basis.

4. Type of Funds

Vouchered funds will be needed for the project.

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5. The estimated cost of the project is [redacted] for the balance 25X1A of the fiscal year and thereafter at [redacted] per annum. For details 25X1A see Appendix C.

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CONCURRENCES:

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